

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CORPORATE AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Training Institutions

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Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current rules of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) allow companies to set up professional and training institutions;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that contrary to above provisions, under the instant rules the industry specific companies cannot set up their domain specific technology institutions on a presumption that the passed out students may join the company;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any clarification in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)
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(a) to (d): Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 specifies the activities that can be undertaken by the companies under their CSR Policies. Under liberal interpretation of Schedule VII, as clarified in the General Circular dated 18.06.2014 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (available on the Ministry's website www.mca.gov.in), setting up of professional and training institutes by companies can be considered as CSR activities under the Act, provided all provisions of the Act and Rules made thereof are complied with.

Section 135 of the Act, the Rules made thereof, and Schedule VII read with General Circulars dated 18th June, 2014 and 12th January, 2016 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, provide the broad contour within which the Boards of the eligible companies are empowered to formulate their CSR policies including the projects / activities to be undertaken.
